

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [54] with the following amended paragraph:

[54] Finally, access to Case Data Units can be granted or denied on an individual case level. For example, a Case Data Unit level access can be used to deny, for conflict purposes (e.g., an ethical wall), an individual client system access to a Case Data Unit sharing a common group assignment with the client system. Further details of the use of roles, permissions, groups and Case Data Units according to one embodiment of the invention are set forth in concurrently filed U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/333,962 (Attorney Docket No. 020313-001710) entitled "DATA ACCESS CONTROL TECHNIQUES USING ROLES AND PERMISSIONS" and having Stephen K. Boyer, Jeffry J. Grainger and Cecily Anne Snyder as inventors. The 020313-001710/60/333,962 application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [77] with the following amended paragraph:

[77] Further details of how system 100 can implement such docketing rules are set forth in U.S. Application No. 09/996,341 (Attorney Docket No. 020313-001810) entitled "DOCKETING SYSTEM" and having Cecily Anne Snyder as inventor. The 020313-001810/09/996,341 application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [114] with the following amended paragraph:

[114] Further details on the payment of annuity and maintenance fees according to various embodiments of system 100 is presented in concurrently filed U.S. Application No. 09/997,203 (Attorney Docket No. 020313-004100US), entitled "COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD OF PAYING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANNUITY AND MAINTENANCE FEES" listing Jeffry J. Grainger as inventor, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.